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Police probing vandalism spree

CRIME Police are investigating an apparent vandalism spree of eight vehicles over the weekend.

Four cars on Caldwell Road were targeted overnight Saturday. One had its door dented by being kicked, while three others had their mirrors knocked off.

On Cedar Crescent and Allison Drive, paint was poured on two vehicles and one had its mirror torn off. On Sackville Drive, a vehicle was keyed and a BobCat's fuel bowl was knocked off.

RCMP are asking anyone with tips to contact them or call anonymously to Crime Stoppers.

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Police examine a Chrysler Intrepid, which was the scene of a shooting last night on Barrington Street. A teen girl was shot in the leg and initial reports indicate it was an accident.

Girl, 16, shot in leg

Teen in serious condition; cops say shooting appears accidental

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A 16-year-old girl was shot in the leg on north Barrington Street last night.

Halifax Regional Police say it appears to be an accidental shooting.

They got the call shortly after 5:30 p.m. yesterday. The girl was in a car with possibly two other people when she was shot.

"We're trying to determine if it was accidental at

this point. Initial indications from people at the scene indicate that it was, but we have to investigate to determine if that information given to us is true or not," said Staff Sgt. Darrell Gaudet.

Two people were being interviewed at police headquarters while other witnesses were interviewed by police at the scene.

"If there is a gunshot, people do get scared and flee the area so we're asking for any people who

were in the area at the time to contact us at 490-5016 or Crime Stoppers," Gaudet said.

As of last night, police were unsure of the kind of gun that was used, and they didn't have a weapon in their possession.

"We don't have it right now and the bullet is in her leg ... we'll look at it at another date," Gaudet told reporters at the scene.

"If the firearm is in the vehicle and once we can legally search through the

vehicle, we'll determine that."

Soon afterwards, police obtained a warrant for the car — a lavender Chrysler Intrepid. It was towed away from the parking lot of a housing complex in the 3400 block of Barrington at Mulgrave Park.

Police said in a release last night they hadn't yet spoken with the victim because she was being treated in hospital for an injury they described as serious but not life-threatening.

Teenager drowns while swimming with friends in Wolfville

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ACCIDENT An 18-year-old male died while swimming in a popular Wolfville swimming hole yesterday afternoon.

Police were called to Reservoir Park at 3:55 p.m. about a possible drowning in relation to three friends out swimming.

"One of the males started to get in some trouble," said RCMP spokeswoman Sgt. Brigitt Leger. "Then he went under."

Leger said a 911 call came in reporting the incident from a fourth friend watching on shore, with police, firefighters and paramedics arriving on scene. A search for the missing 18-year-old took place with a fire boat locating the body at 5:30 p.m.

Leger said the friends tried to assist when the victim went under, but to no avail. A male and a female were swimming with the victim.

Police say their investigation is pointing to the victim not being an experienced swimmer.

The official cause of death is still being investigated. An autopsy will also be conducted.



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Celtic Thunder coming to Halifax

Is that a storm coming? Nope, it's just Celtic Thunder. The Irish show comes to the Metro Centre Sept. 21. Damian McGinty, Ryan Kelly, Keith Harkin, Neil Byrne, George Donaldson and Paul Byrom sing their own take on classics from Fred Astaire, Neil Diamond, Michael Bublé and the Beach Boys.

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DUI charges laid after crashes over weekend

CRIME The Halifax district of the RCMP charged four drivers after incidents of alleged impaired driving this Victoria Day long weekend, three of which involved vehicle crashes. "We'll catch impaired driving, but not usually involving motor vehicle crashes," said Cpl. Joe Taplin, who added the number of crashes was "kind of disturbing."

The "unusual" number of crashes occurred after the RCMP had installed 44 checkpoints around HRM for the first long weekend of the summer as part of the RCMP's Canada Road Safety Week.

The RCMP reported officers did not catch any impaired drivers through those checkpoints.

"It's typical of the start of the summer, especially when the weather was really nice," said Taplin. "Some people just lose thought of what their priorities are — a couple drinks and they're behind the wheel."

The RCMP charged 22 people in the Halifax district with impaired driving in April, while Halifax Regional Police charged 34. They also charged seven for impaired driving over the long weekend.

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Blogs SpinDoctor on what Michael Ignatieff's fumbling of the MP expenses issue says about his political skills



Parker Bell gets ready to play the bagpipes yesterday at the Halifax Citadel national historic site. HRM is at odds with the federal government about the property value of the site.

Clash in court over Citadel Hill's value

ASSESSMENT Lawyers for Halifax and Ottawa have made their final arguments in a decade-long legal battle over the value of Citadel Hill. The outcome will likely set a national precedent.

At issue is the federal government's claim that about 99 per cent of Citadel Hill is almost completely valueless.

Because it is a national historic site, it values almost 48 of the 48-and-a-half-acre site at a total worth of only \$10.

"(It) has no development potential whatsoever. You cannot put anything on it, you cannot excavate it, you cannot do a thing with it," said federal lawyer Reinhold Endres.

"So that's why the minister said the glaciis, the grassy slopes, the majority of the land can only have

nominal value."

In court, municipal lawyer Dan Campbell went so far as to call that reasoning "nonsense."

HRM appealed the valuation 10 years ago and won. Ottawa appealed that ruling and yesterday the two sides wound up in front of the federal court of appeals.

The core issue looks at the federal public works minister's jurisdiction on valuating national historic sites, and whether the decision in this case was reasonable. Campbell argues the federal valuation should have been on par with the provincial system, which gives Citadel Hill full value.

"This is the best use of this land as it is right now. No, it cannot be used for commercial development, but it can be used for this

very important purpose, which is a national historic site," said Campbell.

"The (provincial) assessors felt it had full value when used as that site. Public purposes are valuable, too."

It ultimately comes down to cash. The province sends Halifax grants in lieu of tax for a Citadel Hill assessed value of about \$5 million. HRM says that should be just more than \$20 million. Campbell says that would mean an extra \$500,000 sent to the municipality each year.

The judges are deliberating and a decision could take months. Whichever way they rule, Endres said the decision will likely impact national historic sites across the country.

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Budget gets council vote

Some councillors argue there wasn't enough time for debate

While the official debate on HRM's \$888-million budget wrapped up last Friday, yesterday's vote featured plenty of heated points of clarification.

Halifax regional council voted 17-7 to ratify the municipality's 2010-11 budget in an afternoon session yesterday after approving it in principle last week.

But some dissenting councillors argued there was not sufficient time to examine and debate the two massive documents detailing the capital and operating budgets, which they received one week ago yesterday.

South End Coun. Sue Uteck said with so many numbers and so little time to review them, she found it difficult to debate the budget.

"You had essentially over 2,000 pages to read after council on Tuesday night... but if you hadn't had a chance to read those documents, what kind of questions are you going to ask?"

Uteck compiled a list of 19 items she thought could be cut from the budget and delivered them Friday. Staff will review the items and will present a report to council in the fall, when they are expected to find \$13 million in additional cuts.

Other councillors, however, said the budget debate began in February,

when HRM's director of finance Cathie O'Toole delivered the 2010-11 fiscal framework presentation.

"There's plenty of opportunity through the year to start working with staff," said Sackville Coun. Brad Johns. "For councillors to stand up today and say that they didn't have enough time, I just don't think that's fair."

Toward the end of yesterday's debate, Johns accused some councillors of playing up the debate to win political points.

"Respectfully, to all my colleagues around this table, I'm feeling that there's a little political grandstanding going on here today," he told council. "And it's really starting to get me a little steamed."

This visibly frustrated Dartmouth Centre Coun. Gloria McCluskey.

"I don't have to grandstand," she shot back, repeatedly smacking her hand on the table as she spoke.

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No one hurt in North Preston gunplay

Shots were fired at a home in North Preston Monday at around 6 p.m. No one was hurt. **METRO HALIFAX**

Tall tally of cash for historic sites

Council greenlights \$675,000 towards restoration of buildings and plaques

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Halifax regional council authorized staff to spend \$675,000 for the restoration of two of Halifax's national historic sites.

Memorial Tower, commonly known as the Dingle Tower, will receive \$425,000 for the refurbishment of its exterior masonry, as well as the stabilization and restoration of plaques inside the tower. A further \$250,000 will be spent on the Victoria Jubilee Bandstand, located in the Public Gardens, for structural stabilization.

The money will be matched by the federal government under Parks Canada's cost-sharing program — part of the federal government's stimulus plan.

Municipal staff also applied to the cost-sharing program for aid in restoring the masonry at city hall, another national historic site.

According to a report delivered to council yesterday, however, staff were not confident the work could be completed by the program's March 31, 2011, deadline — partially due to the \$2 million



HRM will receive money from the federal government to fix up the Dingle Tower, as well as cash for the Public Gardens.

worth of work currently underway on the building. "There is a commitment

to spend \$2 million of stimulus funds on city hall restoration by the end of

March 2011," read the report. "Staff are not confident that the scope could

"Even if we wanted to, we couldn't spend it now. So we're saying let's work on with the \$2-million project we have now underway."

Peter Kelly,
HRM Mayor

be increased by another \$850,000 and work completed by the end of the March deadline."

Because of the hesitance to push more money into the project this year, staff asked council to divert \$85,500 from the city hall project to the Dingle Tower restoration budget.

HRM Mayor Peter Kelly said he is fairly confident the federal money will still be available when staff reapply for it next year, although he admits it is not a given.

"Even if we wanted to, we couldn't spend it now," said Kelly.

"So we're saying let's work on with the \$2-million project we have now underway, and then apply for (the funding) again for next year and, hopefully, we would receive the funds for next year."

Dead man's sister glad trial is underway

SEPRACOR The sister of a man who died after he allegedly handled a chemical compound at a drug factory in Nova Scotia said yesterday her family is relieved a trial in the case is getting underway.

Provincial court Judge Allan Tufts granted the lawyers for Sepracor Canada Ltd. until Sept. 14 to review files before it makes its plea in the case.

The company has been charged with five health and safety violations in the death of Roland Daigle.

The 46-year-old man died in hospital early in the morning on Oct. 8, 2008, after he was allegedly exposed to vapours from trimethylsilyl diazomethane while performing a test at his work station at the company's plant in Windsor. Outside court, Lynda MacDonald said she is pleased with the work done by the Nova Scotia Labour Department in its investigation.

Sepracor is charged with failing to ensure adequate personal protection equipment was in place in Daigle's work area and failing to ensure that an adequate venting system was in place, among other charges. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Don't approve East Coast fishery: Ecologists

FISHING Ecologists say the world's leading certifier of sustainably caught seafood would set a dangerous precedent if it put its stamp of approval on a Canadian fishery they say hauls in thousands of turtles and sharks every year.

Environmental groups across the country are lining up against the move to make the East Coast swordfish fishery the first large longline fishery in

the world to be certified by the U.K.-based Marine Stewardship Council. An assessment of the fishery is in the final stages and the council could soon put its coveted blue seal on swordfish products.

But Shannon Arnold of the Ecology Action Centre said the approval would undermine a movement that's worked for years to alter fishing practices that kill or maim sharks, tur-

tles and dozens of other marine species as bycatch.

"This is greenwashing for consumers and it's undermining the whole sustainable seafood movement," Arnold said. "It's outrageous that this fishery would be certified as sustainable — you lose the meaning of what sustainable is because the bar is set so low."

The initiative has prompted groups like the

David Suzuki Foundation and Greenpeace to argue against the certification, which has become a necessity for harvesters as major retailers vow to sell only sustainable seafood products. The council assesses a fishery through an independent third party that evaluates the health of a stock, the effect of the fishing method on the ecosystem and how the fishery is managed. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

News in brief

SEARCH RCMP are investigating after reports that a rock was thrown from an overpass on the weekend. A 2003 Malibu was travelling east on Highway 107 near the Spider Lake overpass Sunday night when the driver saw a large white rock thrown from above. The rock struck the windshield and roof of the vehicle. The driver was not injured. RCMP are asking anyone with information to call them.

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ALLEGED PELLET SHOOTING A 13-year-old Nova Scotia boy is facing charges after he allegedly shot a person with a pellet during a robbery in Wolfville on the weekend. RCMP allege the boy shot one person before taking money from a second. No one was seriously injured in the incident Friday. The boy faces charges of assault with a weapon, possession of a dangerous weapon and using a firearm in the commission of an offence.

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Police seek tips in robbery

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Halifax Regional Police are asking for the public's help in identifying a young man who stole three rings from a jewelry store in Mic Mac Mall on Jan. 27.

Police say the suspect was looking at men's jewelry before fleeing with the three rings, which are

worth more than \$5,000.

The suspect is described as a white man in his early 20s, five-foot-10, with short, light-coloured hair and an unshaven round face.

The suspect has a crescent-shaped scar on the back of his head, and his left ear is pierced.

Police say that they are finally turning to the public for aid after exhausting all internal avenues.

Contact cops

- Police are asking for anyone who recognizes the individual in this photo or with any information in relation to this incident to call 490-5016.

- Authorities can also be contacted anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca.



The suspect in a Jan. 27 jewelry theft at Mic Mac Mall.

Nova Scotians score 8 medals in trades contest

ADRIAN LEE
for Metro Halifax



SKILLS Whether they're winning medals or working with metals, Nova Scotians in the trades proved that they can do both by earning eight medals at the 16th annual Canadian Skills Competition.

The competition — the "Olympics of the trades," according to one medal-winner — took place last weekend in Waterloo, Ont., and featured more than 40 different contests testing a huge cross-section of specific skills, from carpentry and hair styling to website design and landscape gardening.

"It was a little stressful, but it was also fun," said Dartmouth's Jared Cloutier, 23, who won silver in welding by producing a number of different projects under tight deadlines. He was judged by industry experts.

"I've proven that I can compete on a national level in my field, and that there's still room for me to improve."

Every two years, gold-medal winners at the competition are also awarded the opportunity to represent Canada at the WorldSkills competition in London, England.

Aaron Hebb, from Bridgewater, earned that honour by winning the Post Secondary Car Paint-

"I've proven that I can compete on a national level in my field, and that there's still room for me to improve."

Jared Cloutier,
Dartmouth welder

ing contest.

Five of this year's eight medal-winners hailed from the HRM, including Patrick Snider, 28, a silver-medalist in precision machining.

The Dartmouth man was drawn to the trades when he was five years old.

"I played with Lego all the time," said Snider. "I knew it was time to pull my pants up and find something that makes me some money, and I figured I might as well love what I want to do."

While Snider saw the competition as a resume-building opportunity and a way to measure himself against his peers, he was proud to represent Nova Scotia.

"Everybody knew they were representing their own province, and knew we were up against everyone else on a national level who was the best of the best of their province," he said.

"There was a huge provincial sense of spirit."

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Police investigating whether man deliberately crashed car, killing four people including his son

Quebec police say Denis Philippon may have deliberately used his car as an instrument of death in separate Montreal-area accidents that killed four people Monday — including himself and his four-year-old son. Weeks before his death, Philippon told friends of the sorrow of being left by his longtime girlfriend, saying he needed to overcome the pain. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Journalist becomes women's advocate

The idea was conceived in captivity. It blossomed in a series of windowless rooms and was forged by the torture, fear and shackles that bound Amanda Lindhout for 15 months in southern Somalia.

Her captors, believed to be affiliated with the Hizbul-Islam insurgent group, took away her freedom, her safety and threatened to take her life if millions of dollars in ransom money were not paid by her family and the family of Australian photojournalist Nigel Brennan.

"Their belief system allowed them to abuse me in very Lindhout specific ways ... and it's reflective of their view of women," she said in an interview. "The same men who are placing all these outrageous restrictions on



Amanda Lindhout

What happened ...

Amanda Lindhout and Australian photojournalist Nigel Brennan were abducted along with a local driver, fixer and translator on Aug. 23, 2008, two days after arriving in Mogadishu. They were on

their way to interview refugees at a camp. They were shuttled between up to a dozen safehouses while in captivity, but were poorly fed, beaten, tortured and locked in separate rooms.

women's freedoms in southern Somalia — that type of mentality — that's what I had to deal with in captivity."

Six months after the Lindhout and Brennan families paid a reported \$600,000 ransom for their release, the freelance journalist has become an advocate and aid worker.

She is targeting the very nation that left her traumatized and her family in financial ruin with a schol-

arship that aims to send 100 Somali women to university annually for the next four years.

"This has blown away our minds because for someone who went through what she went through to come back and say, 'I want to do something to alleviate some of the suffering of the women there,' it's very very touching," said Ahmed Hussen, president of the Canadian Somali Congress and co-director of Lindhout's Global Enrichment Fund.

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Chrétien defends peers at unveiling

OTTAWA Jean Chrétien says he thinks politicians get a bum rap from ungrateful and cynical voters. He used yesterday's unveiling of his official prime ministerial portrait to defend the honour and achievements of Canada's political class.

"They work hard, these guys," the self-described "little guy from Shawinigan" said in an interview shortly before the portrait ceremony.

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Charges against former Ontario AG withdrawn

TORONTO A former Ontario attorney general once considered to be a top contender for premier got a reprieve yesterday after charges stemming from his fatal encounter with a bike courier were withdrawn.

While he remained tight-lipped about his future, Michael Bryant has been spared the ordeal of a lengthy trial on charges of criminal negligence causing death and dangerous

driving. An independent prosecutor determined there was little chance of conviction.

"To be honest, I haven't really thought about much other than getting through this experience one day at a time," Bryant said.

The charges were laid last September following the death of Darcy Allan Sheppard, 33, after a late-night altercation with Bryant in Toronto.

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Lebanon Marking anniversary



A man carries a child wrapped in a Hezbollah flag yesterday during a rally south of Beirut to mark 10 years since Israeli troops withdrew from a border strip in south Lebanon, ending a 22-year military presence.

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War zone in Jamaican capital

KINGSTON Thousands of police and soldiers yesterday stormed the Jamaican ghettos where reggae was born in search of a reputed drug kingpin wanted by the United States, intensifying a third day of street battles that have killed at least 30 people.

The masked gunmen fighting for underworld boss Christopher (Dudus) Coke say he provides services and protection — all funded by a criminal empire that seemed untouchable until the U.S. demanded his extradition. U.S. authorities say Coke has been trafficking cocaine to the streets of New York City since the mid-1990s, allegedly hiring island women to hide the drugs on themselves on flights to the United States. Yesterday, masked gunmen in West Kingston vanished down side streets barricaded with barbed wire and junked cars. The sound of gunfire echoed across the slums on Jamaica's south coast, far from the tourist meccas of the north shore. Schools and businesses were closed across the capital and the government appealed for blood donations for the wounded.

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News in brief

MINNESOTA A former nurse accused of going online and encouraging depressed people to kill themselves was ordered yesterday to stay off the Internet while his criminal case is pending. A judge also forbade William Melchert-Dinkel from leaving the state except for work assignments as a long-haul trucker, the career he took up after being stripped of his nursing licence. The 47-year-old has been charged with encouraging Carleton University student Nadia Kajouji and a man from Britain to take their own lives. Kajouji, 18, of Brampton, Ont., drowned herself in Ottawa's Rideau River

two years ago. The other victim, Mark Drybrough, 32, hanged himself at his home in Coventry, England, in 2005.

CHINA A torrent of floods caused by heavy storms have killed 115 people in southern China, with 21 people still missing as weather reports show rains beginning to subside. Rescue teams have been dispatched to help the 685,000 people evacuated as a result of the flooding, which has caused \$2.2 billion US in damages.

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Surfers gobble up Google's Pac-Man tribute

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Business

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Home ownership keeps getting pricier: Report

Owning a home in Canada has become even more expensive — unless you live in Alberta, according to the latest housing report by RBC Economics Research.

The report, released yesterday, says homeownership costs in Canada rose for the third straight quarter across all housing segments in the first quarter of 2010.

A strong real estate market and jacked up housing prices are getting the blame for putting a strain on Canadians' bank accounts.

Interest rate projections to blame

The main contributing factor is an expected rise in interest rates, as the Bank of Canada moves towards raising the current exceptionally low rates to more normal levels through the second half of this year and in 2011. According to the report, housing affordability measures in Canada are unlikely to exceed the peak levels reached in early 2008.

"Although home ownership became more costly in the first quarter of 2010, affordability measures are still moderately above the long-term average and below peak levels," said RBC senior economist Robert Hogue.

"We expect affordability to deteriorate throughout 2010 and 2011, but this should be limited as more balanced supply and demand conditions will take much of the steam out of the housing market."

The RBC Housing Afford-

ability report projects that the cost of owning a home will continue to rise.

With the exception of Alberta, home affordability measures deteriorated across all provinces with a significant decline in affordability in B.C., Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Housing affordability declined more moderately in Quebec, Ontario and Atlantic Canada.

Alberta is the only province to show a drop in the costs of owning a home.

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Hong Kong Cheers to a giant takeover bid



Harvey McGrath, left, chairman of Prudential, said yesterday he's confident the British insurer can secure shareholder approval for its planned \$35.5-billion takeover of Asia-based AIA Group from bailed-out U.S. insurer AIG.

Loonie continues worrisome slide

CURRENCY The Canadian dollar plunged to its lowest level in eight months before recovering yesterday, sending a clear signal that Europe's debt crisis has the potential to reach across the Atlantic and impact Canada's mending economy.

The loonie has lost about eight per cent of its value over the last month in reaction to fears in global equity and financial markets about the lasting imprint of government debt, and now a new risk — the threat of war on the Korean peninsula.

The Canadian dollar closed down 0.94 of a cent at 93.46 cents US yesterday after bouncing off a low of 92.18 cents US earlier in the day. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Business in brief

HOLLYWOOD A source says The Walt Disney Company has called off talks to sell its Miramax movie division to billionaire Ron Burkle for \$625 million. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Another worker dies at plant that makes iPods, cellphones

LABOUR A Chinese employee of Foxconn Technology Group fell from a building and died yesterday, state-run media said, in the 10th such death this year at the world's largest contract maker of electronics, such as the iPod, Dell computers and Nokia phones.

Details were sketchy about the latest death and Foxconn and police would

not immediately confirm the fatality, so it was unknown whether it was a suicide. The reported death is the ninth at Foxconn's massive plant in the southern city of Shenzhen, which employs about 300,000 people. Another suicide occurred at a smaller plant in northern Hebei province in January.

Labour activists say the

string of suicides back up their long-standing allegations that workers toil in terrible conditions at Foxconn. They claim shifts are long, the assembly line moves too fast and managers enforce military-style discipline on the workforce. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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A man's phone is his castle. So why are barbarians still storming my home phone, usually at the dinner hour, even though I signed up for that do-not-call list the government promised

would end my pain?

Turns out I'm not the only one still persecuted by lame and annoying calls from people who want to hijack the next 15 minutes of my life, which I will never see again.

This is a big problem. Eight million telephone numbers have been registered with the federal do-not-call list since it was launched in 2008. But the CRTC, which is supposed to be some kind of watchdog, received 15,000 complaints from unhappy homeowners in February

alone, yet has a pitiful 89 cases under review.

Only 12 tele-barbarians have been fined, and only two have coughed up any money.

If I had a watchdog like that, I'd send him to the doghouse without a bone. The CRTC is more like a watchkitty, or maybe a watchgerbil.

It's bad enough there is a long list of exceptions to the do-not-call list. I never want to participate in another survey, provide customer feedback, tell politicians how I mean to vote

— or even if I need a ride to the polls (Notice to all politicians: No. Thank you.).

But I'm also still getting calls from electronic pests who congratulate me for winning an all-expenses-paid, no-strings-attached cruise to nowhere right in the middle of dinner. They identify themselves as "Blocked" on call display. Even though I'm almost sure "Blocked" does not deserve an answer, there's a one-in-eight-million chance it could be a representative from Lotto Max

with some very good news.

So I answer the phone. Idiot.

The CRTC has rolled over onto its belly and gone to sleep on this one. Of the thousands of complaints, it has investigated exactly 700, claiming one case could represent 1,000 calls. Most of the time, it sends these people a letter, when the most effective punishment is obvious:

Phone 'em! Phone 'em in the shower! Phone 'em when they're trying to get Junior to lie down and go to sleep! Phone 'em when

they finally sit down to watch TV! Phone 'em during those rare moments of stolen connubial bliss!

In other words, do unto them what they do unto us. An ear for an ear! I guarantee it, after a week of that, the telemarketers will fall silent.

And if that doesn't work, go to Plan B. That's when we get the home phone numbers of the CRTC commissioners ...

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Word on the street: Which television series would you like to see extended: Lost, 24 or Law & Order?

Ben Samson
Liverpool

A: 24 because it's the only one I watch of the three.

Courtney Varner
Halifax

A: Lost, because they didn't really answer all the questions that everybody wanted to know.

Jace Forsythe
Lethbridge, Alta.

A: Probably Law & Order because I never watched 24, and it was probably a good time for Lost to end.

Blair Malcolm
Ottawa

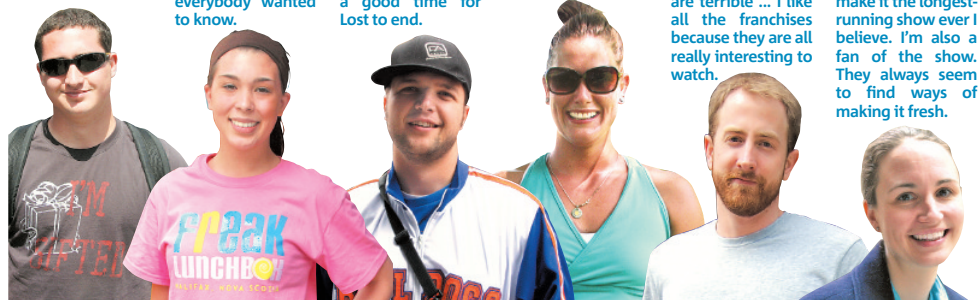
A: Lost. It was a thriller and one of those shows that keeps my interest.

Dave Patten
Edmonton

A: I would like to see Law & Order extended because the other two shows are terrible ... I like all the franchises because they are all really interesting to watch.

Caroline Hickton
Vancouver

A: I would want Law & Order to continue because an extra season would make it the longest-running show ever I believe. I'm also a fan of the show. They always seem to find ways of making it fresh.

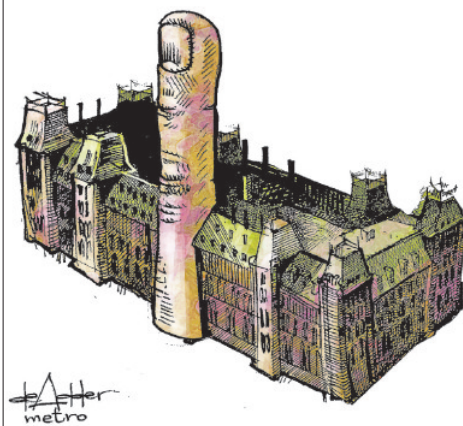


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Carleton University in Ottawa is running a contest asking members of the student community to create a graphic design that will be used to symbolize the institution's aboriginal connections and its desire to embrace diverse populations. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Workology

More resources for health: ACCC

In its submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health, the Association of Canadian Community Colleges states that colleges are uniquely positioned to provide the advanced skills needed by the health sector. The association notes that additional support is needed to address long wait lists for health programs, aging infrastructure and deferred maintenance among other things. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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If you're interested in a career working with animals, but not necessarily being a vet, look into working with wild animals — either at a zoo or in the wild itself.

Careers into the wild

Paws, Claws and Jobs

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

A career working with wild animals can take you straight into Canada's city centres or deep into its forests.

Pam Pritchard works in the Calgary Zoo. For the last 30 years, she's tended to the needs of giraffes, hipopotamuses and elephants. She now handles the zookeeper apprenticeship program.

"There's nothing more special than being able to go and see an animal you've worked with for years," she says.

Landing a zookeeper job is hard in Canada, com-

pared to the United States, as there are only a few large zoos in the country.

"The trickiest spot is to get your foot in the door," Pritchard says. Many start by volunteering with animals — at zoos, if they can get a spot, or at any animal sanctuary. From there, many work toward a degree in animal sciences, zoology or biology while working as on-call labourers for a zoo.

If all goes well, they earn a spot on the four-year paid apprenticeship program.

Rod Cumberland spent much of his childhood in the forests of New Brunswick learning about deer with his hunter father. When he started working in shops and factories as an adult, he noted how miserable his coworkers were.

"I made up my mind that I would do something I

loved to do and I pursued a career in wildlife management," he says. "I was really blessed to get the job I did."

He's New Brunswick's official deer biologist. Positions like his usually require a bachelors or masters degree in wildlife or forestry courses from institutions such as Nova Scotia's Acadia University, the University of Prince Edward Island, the University of New Brunswick, the Maritime College of Forest Technology, Sir Sanford Fleming College in Ontario or Alberta's University of Lethbridge.

Cumberland's passion is working in the field. Flying low and slow in a helicopter over dense woods, he counts moose and deer, or tromps on foot to see what predators are killing tagged deer, to gauge how healthy the population is.

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The University of Michigan admitted yesterday to a series of violations in its storied football program and insisted the problems related to practice time and the activities of graduate assistants were not enough to warrant major punishment from the NCAA. The university has imposed sanctions on itself that include two years of probation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports



Bolts name Yzerman GM

Hall of Famer Steve Yzerman, left, is the Tampa Bay Lightning's new general manager, taking on the task of rebuilding a franchise that's fallen on hard times since winning its only Stanley Cup championship six years ago. The former Detroit Red Wings captain and executive was introduced yesterday as Brian Lawton's replacement during a news conference at St. Pete Times Forum. Lawton and coach Rick Tocchet were fired April 12. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Celtics eager to end Magic's comeback bid

NBA The Philadelphia Flyers cap Celtics forward Rasheed Wallace has been wearing to support his hometown team might not be something Boston fans want to see.

Especially now. More than a week after the Bruins blew a 3-0 series lead to the Flyers, the Celtics are getting an unwanted trip back to Orlando. They'll try to close out the Magic again tonight or put a city that knows all too well about such comebacks halfway to their latest installment.

"It can be done," said Magic guard Jameer Nelson, a St. Joseph's alum who grew up outside Philly.

Only four times in the history of North American major pro sports leagues has a team won a playoff series after losing the first three

games. Of course, that might not mean much to Boston fans.

It has happened three times in the NHL and once in baseball, when the Boston Red Sox came back to beat the New York Yankees in the 2004 AL championship series.

It's just never been done in the NBA.

"At some point," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said, "somebody is going to come from 3-0 down and win a series."

Here's Orlando's chance to take another step toward history.

The Magic have Game 5 and—if necessary—Game 7 on their home floor, meaning if they can shift things back to Boston, a series that was seemingly over would suddenly have new life. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Contract talks on back burner

Halak wants to 'go on vacation' before discussing future with Habs

Montreal Canadiens goaltender and playoff hero Jaroslav Halak says he wants to take some time away from the game before thinking about his future.

Halak will be a restricted free agent July 1 with the right to go to salary arbitration if he and the Canadiens are unable to come to a contract agreement.

"Right now, don't think about it," Halak said when asked about contract status. "This is not going to happen today or tomorrow, it's going to happen over the summer. It's a good question, but right now I just want to go on vacation and put aside hockey and not think about it."

Halak would also be available to any team that wanted to sign him to an offer sheet. That move would force the Canadiens to either match the offer or accept draft picks as compensation.

Losing Halak would be difficult for the Canadiens to sell to their fans, some of whom placed stop signs across the city with "Halak" written in the middle.



Montreal Canadiens goalie Jaroslav Halak will be a restricted free agent July 1 with the right to go to salary arbitration if he and the Canadiens are unable to come to a contract agreement.

"I'm just a regular guy," Halak said when asked about the fan support. "I'm not a super hero or a god or anything."

Carey Price, who was overtaken by Halak for the starting job, is also a restricted free agent this summer but cannot go to salary arbitration.

Price said it was difficult for him to sit on the bench and watch as Halak shined, saying he learned a

lot about the need to constantly be working hard to improve.

But he says it would be even more difficult to go through a similar situation next season with both young goalies fighting for the same net.

"It would be pretty tough," Price said. "I feel like I can play and I know Jaro definitely feels the same way. It's a tough situation for both of us."

Canadiens GM Pierre Gauthier did not want to tip his hand about how he would be dealing with his delicate goalie situation this summer. He said goaltending is the strength of the team, and both Halak and Price "are strong assets that we would protect" in the event of an offer sheet.

He suggested he might keep one or even both goalies. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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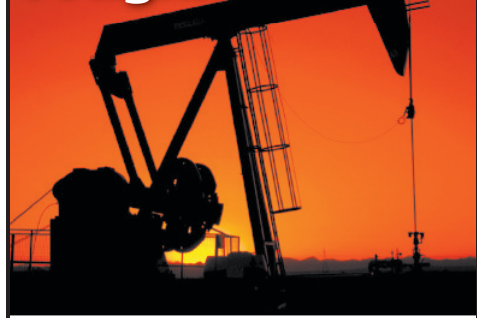
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Man pleads guilty to vomiting on spectators at Phillies game

COURT A 21-year-old New Jersey man pleaded guilty yesterday to vomiting on another spectator and his 11-year-old daughter in the stands during a Philadelphia Phillies game.

Matthew Clemmens of Cherry Hill, N.J., pleaded guilty to one count each of simple assault, disorderly conduct and harassment for his conduct during an April 14 Phillies-Nationals game at Citizens Bank Park.

Clemmens stuck his fingers down his throat and vomited on Michael Vangelo, an off-duty Easton po-

lice captain, and one of Vangelo's daughters after Clemmens' companion was ejected from the park, Assistant District Attorney Patrick Doyle said.

Clemmens and his friend were spilling beer, cursing and heckling Vangelo Vangelos when he and his daughters from the time they arrived at their seats, according to a statement of facts read in court.

Vangelo's 15-year-old daughter asked the pair to stop the profanity, and

Vangelo complained to security that Clemmens' friend was spitting, with some of it hitting his 11-year-old daughter, Doyle said.

After the friend was ejected, Clemmens was sitting alone behind the Vangelos when he answered his cell phone and said, "I need to do what I need to do. I'm going to get sick," the prosecutor said.

Clemmens then put his fingers down his throat and threw up on the fa-

ther, with some vomit splashing onto Vangelo's younger daughter, Doyle said.

He then punched the father several times in the head before other fans in the stands subdued him, the prosecutor said. He screamed expletives at the crowd as he was led out of the park, Doyle said.

Clemmens' mug shot showed him with a swollen black eye, and authorities acknowledged he was hit as he was being subdued. No one else was charged in the case.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Matthew Clemmens

Sports in brief

TENNIS Justine Henin took a big step yesterday in her return from retirement, beating Tsvetana Pironkova 6-4, 6-3 in the first round of the French Open. The match was Henin's first on centre court at Roland Garros since 2007, when she won the tournament for the fourth time.

NFL Break out the parkas! The 2014 Super Bowl will be held in New Jersey and it won't be indoors. NFL owners have voted to put the championship game in the new \$1.6-billion US Meadowlands stadium that's about to become home to the New York Jets and Giants. It does not have a roof and it will

be February.

CFL Saskatchewan's public insurance company has scored a touchdown with its popular licence plates honouring the province's CFL football team. Just six days after Saskatchewan Government Insurance began offering them, more than 3,500 football fans

have ordered Roughrider licence plates.

NHL The Colorado Avalanche will bring back Adam Foote for a 19th season after signing their captain to a one-year deal. Foote, who will be 39 in July, helped the Avalanche to Stanley Cup titles in 1996 and 2001. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Canadians beat Dry in opener

Paul Davie's RBI double in the bottom of the ninth lifted the Halifax Pelham **sports 11** Molson Canadians to a 2-1 win over Dartmouth Moosehead Dry in the NSSBL opener. **METRO HALIFAX**

Drakkar leaning towards Matheson

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The Baie-Comeau Drakkar have their sights set on Michael Matheson.

The Drakkar, who have the first overall pick in the QMJHL draft in Drummondville, Que., June 5, aren't shying away from Matheson, who is the consensus No. 1 prospect but is considering eschewing major junior for the NCAA.

"Every team wants the best player available, and I think Matheson is the best prospect in the draft — and I have the first pick," Drakkar general manager Steve Ahern told Metro yesterday.

But Ahern stopped short of saying it's a 100 per cent lock he'll take the smooth-skating puck mover when he steps to the podium.

"We'll decide that next Wednesday," said Ahern, referring to meetings he will have in Drummondville with his scouting staff and Drakkar ownership. "But for now, in my head, I have made a very clear decision to take Matheson."

Matheson had 11 points in 30 games with the midget AAA Lac St. Louis (Que.) Lions this past season and won scouts over with an outstanding second half. The Q's chief scout, Patrick Charbonneau, went so far as to compare his style to that of NHL all-star Scott Niedermayer.

The Halifax Mooseheads, who hold the No. 2 pick, would be the beneficiary if the Drakkar decided to pass on Matheson.

"This player is amazing," Ahern said. "He has good



Defenceman Michael Matheson, shown here with the Lac St. Louis Lions in Quebec midget AAA action, is the top-ranked prospect for the QMJHL draft.

Current QMJHL draft order

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| • 1. Baie-Comeau | • 6. Chicoutimi |
| • 2. Halifax | • 7. Gatineau |
| • 3. Chicoutimi (via Lewiston) | • 8. Montreal |
| • 4. Val-d'Or | • 9. Shawinigan |
| • 5. Bathurst | • 10. Rimouski |

skill offensively, he can play on the power play, he can play on the penalty kill, he's got good size and he has a lot of skill. He's the top prospect."

Ahern said he has received "many" calls regarding trade possibilities for the top pick, but said it's not much of an option because Matheson is a "franchise player."

Ahern said Matheson visited Baie-Comeau and

"loved the place," adding that discussions with the family have been "good." He said it's important for him to sell the benefits of major junior over college and preached patience in the process.

"It's the same thing with my wife," he said. "Seven years ago, she didn't want to marry me. Now I'm married to her. It just takes a little time. You have to do your job."

Coward switching NCAA schools

BASKETBALL Dartmouth's Rachelle Coward is switching NCAA Division I schools and will suit up for the Charleston Southern Buccaneers women's basketball team in 2011.

The six-foot guard/forward spent her freshman and junior seasons with the Charlotte 49ers, playing a limited role and averaging 6.1 minutes and 1.4 points in 37 games. She will redshirt this coming season.

Buccaneers head coach Julie Goodenough commended Coward for her "hard work and intensity" and said "she is a phenomenal three-point shooter,



Rachelle Coward

which will fit in well with what we do here."

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Dry to face Athletics at event opener

BASEBALL Host Dartmouth Moosehead Dry will face the defending national champion Fort Saskatchewan (Alta.) Athletics to kick off August's Canadian senior baseball championships at Beazley Field.

Baseball Canada released the schedule yesterday for the event, which runs Aug. 26 to 29.

Dartmouth is in a pool with Fort Saskatchewan, the Newfoundland Capitals, Brandon (Man.) Cloverleafs and Ontario No. 1.

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Metro Drive



Sex and the Benz

As many as four different Mercedes-Benz models can be seen in *Sex and the City 2*, starring Sarah Jessica Parker, left. The cars are: the all-new E-Class Convertible, the S400 Hybrid Sedan, the G-Class SUV and the ultra-luxury Maybach sedan. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Chevy Cruze makes its mark

GM sedan to replace Cobalt

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Canadians love compacts. They're always at the top of our car sales charts, inevitably with Toyota Corolla, Honda Civic and Mazda3 jockeying for the top spot. Chevrolet plans to shake up that status quo this summer with the all-new Cruze sedan, its replacement for the outgoing Cobalt.

It's not available for full testing just yet, but GM invited me to its proving grounds in Michigan to drive a few laps.

It's nowhere near enough for a complete assessment, especially since pricing remains a mystery, but the initial impression is positive: in ride, handling and noise levels, it feels like a mini-Malibu.

It will be a sedan only, with two hatchbacks slotting under it: the subcompact Aveo, currently built in Korea, will be redesigned



For an entry-level model, the 2011 Chevrolet Cruze is surprisingly sophisticated underneath.

2011 Chevrolet Cruze

Type: Compact sedan
Price: Not Available
Engine: 1.4L turbocharged four-cylinder/1.8L four-cylinder
Fuel Economy: 5.0L/100 km (estimated)

Highlights

- Sophisticated handling
- Quiet like a big car

and produced in the U.S., while Korea will then send over the new Spark

minicar.

Cruze will come with a choice of engines. The base LS trim uses a 1.8-litre four-cylinder, making an estimated 136 horsepower.

I didn't get to drive it, but some overseas critics say it's underpowered, especially given the car's weight. The volume seller will be a new turbocharged 1.4-litre four-cylinder, which will appear in the mid-range LT and top-line IIZ, as well as a fuel- and money-saving "Eco" model. It produces 138 horsepower, but far more

importantly, it makes 148 lb-ft of torque, and at just 1,850 rpm. That's the twist power that gets everything moving. Both engines come with a six-speed transmission, in manual or automatic.

Don't think go-fast: the 1.4-litre, which runs on regular-grade fuel, is turbocharged for fuel efficiency. It doesn't feel quick, but it builds speed smoothly and with no turbo lag. In Canada, it's estimated at 5.0 L/100 km (56 mpg) on the highway.

For an entry-level model, Cruze is surprisingly sophisticated underneath, using a patented rear suspension that includes a Watts link — two horizontal bars with a central pivot to help keep the back end straight. On a tight curve of the proving ground's intentionally bad road, Cruze held solid at 100 km/h, while a Corolla and Civic brought along for comparison — plus the Cruze Eco, which doesn't have the Watts link — bounced and slid all over at just 80 km/h.

Automakers spin Web of attraction, study says

RESEARCH New-vehicle shoppers who are highly satisfied with their automotive manufacturer website experience are more likely to test drive a vehicle from that manufacturer's lineup, according to the J.D. Power and Associates 2010 Canadian Manufacturer Website Evaluation Study released recently.

The study finds the likelihood to test drive a vehicle after visiting that manufacturer's website increases by 22 per cent among highly satisfied new-vehicle shoppers, compared with less-satisfied shoppers.

"Sixty per cent of shoppers in the market for a new vehicle in the next year have already visited a manufacturer's website, and twice as many shoppers visit a manufacturer's site compared with a third-party site," said Ryan Robinson of J.D. Power and Associates. "As a result, it's crucial for manufacturers to provide shoppers with an effective and satisfying website — particularly when it is likely to result in increased showroom traffic."

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A writer's vision

JON TATTRE
for Metro Halifax

Dartmouth is often overshadowed by its more glamorous and attention-hogging sister city Halifax, but those who fall for her charms find a walkable city with friendly shops and unspoiled beauty.

Michael Amo, the Dartmouth writer who created the NBC and CTV hit *The Listener* and who just finished filming his Nova Scotia-set movie *The Whirligig*, admits the city can appear to be a ghost town.

"It's kind of the land that time forgot. Halifax continued to grow and (Mic Mac Mall) happened here and it went into this cryogenic sleep," he explains.

His top coffee shop is the

trendy new *Two if By Sea* in Founders Corner. "The coffee's really good and it's a great atmosphere," he says. "I hear people are actually coming across the ferry from Halifax now."

Our Thyme on Portland Street is another favourite java stop for Amo. While TIBS tends to be a bit on the hipster side, Our Thyme is a more straightforward coffee-and-lunch place.

For drinks, he heads to Celtic Corner. Located across Alderney Drive near the ferry terminal, the spacious Irish pub offers a great spot for conversational drinks and, occasionally, live music. For food and drinks, his wife is a fan of Nectar on Ochterloney Street.

When he's struggling for

inspiration with a script, he takes to the water. "People who live here a long time don't really appreciate it, but coming from downtown Toronto, I get a huge kick out of just riding the ferry, particularly in the summer. Going on top and going back and forth is like this amazing free boat ride," Amo says.

For a family outing, he and his wife often take their two children canoeing in the lakes or biking around Lake Banook, stopping for a swim at one of its three beaches.

His personal favourite walk is his morning commute, a 30-minute stroll to the office that takes him past Sullivan's Pond and Lake Banook. "It's amazing," he says.

"It's like going to the cot-



Ice and steel

In 1867, John Forbes, foreman at the Starr Manufacturing Company in Dartmouth, invented steel ice skates. Their Acme brand became famous worldwide.

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A walk by Sullivan's Pond is "like going to the cottage without having a cottage," says Michael Amo, a Dartmouth writer and creator of CTV's *The Listener*.

tage without having a cottage."

Speaking on a sun-drenched Victoria Day

weekend, he says winter creates a different Dartmouth altogether.

"You're talking to me on

a good day," Amo laughs. "If you'd called me in February, I might have had a different story for you."

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Going local at new market

ALEX BOUTILLIER
for Metro Halifax

Dartmouth's newest big box centre is putting a more local spin on their summer shopping experience.

Starting this Friday, Dartmouth Crossing will feature a weekly farmers' market, featuring some of the best local produce HRM has to offer. The "Local Freshness" market will be held every Friday, rain or shine, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will include fresh meat, seafood, baked goods, and fruits and veggies. Also available at the market will be fresh flowers, as well as a limited number of Nova Scotia artisans hocking their wares.

The market will be set up in The Village Shops section of Dartmouth Crossing, adjacent to Globo Shoes. While the market will feature several week-to-week mainstays, the vendor mix will vary throughout the summer to encourage more shoppers to take advantage of more local products.

Dartmouth Crossing spokeswoman Erin Wright



Dartmouth Crossing opened its gates in 2007.

"Customers will have the opportunity to visit with local producers who have personally grown or made their products and learn about the benefits of this healthy lifestyle movement."

Erin Wright, Dartmouth Crossing spokeswoman

said the market will be a great learning experience, in addition to offering great goods.

"Customers will have the opportunity to visit with local producers who have personally grown or made

their products and learn about the benefits of this healthy lifestyle movement," said Wright.

In addition to the new market, Dartmouth Crossing will be taking advantage of the summer weather to

host several outdoor events at their Pondsides Amphitheatre. On June 26 and 27, will be a pre-Canada Day weekend bash at the amphitheatre, featuring live musical entertainment, dance demonstrations, face painting and balloon making. "And, of course, free Canada Day cake," added Wright.

The pre-Canada Day weekend festivities will be a precursor to Dartmouth Crossing's Free Outdoor Summer Concert Series at the amphitheatre. The concert series will be held monthly on Saturday afternoons from July to October.

Wright said the performances are an absolute can't-miss lineup for the whole family. Official dates and acts will be announced on their website, dartmouthcrossing.com.

Dartmouth Crossing, located just off Highway 118 in Dartmouth, opened its gates in 2007 and currently features over 70 shops and services.

Big city proximity a big plus for area

What you get when you buy a home in Dartmouth can change street by street, with a range of neighbourhoods and prices. Jim Patriquin, a realtor with Century 21 A.B.C. Realty who works in the area, says people buying their first home often find what they're looking for in the Woodlawn area, with entry points for homes at about \$150,000 to \$170,000.

Downtown Dartmouth homes tend to go in the \$200,000 to \$250,000 range and are 40 or 50 years old, he says. "I just sold somebody a house in downtown Dartmouth ... in the Brighton area, in that \$225,000 range. It's a nice, quiet community," he says. "You've got ... a lot of big, mature trees."

That client, like many others who buy in downtown Dartmouth, wanted the proximity to Halifax without the peninsula prices.

"There's ... a lot of different options here," Patriquin says.

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"It's a quickly developing area," Patriquin says. "The houses are beautiful, with three or four huge bedrooms and two-car garages."

New additions like Dartmouth Crossing and a solid school system means the Dartmouth area is more self-sufficient, with little need to head over to Halifax, but a cab ride home won't break the bank, he says.

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Natal Day has grown from a one-day civic holiday to a five-day party, says a festival organizer.

Bigger and better Days

ALY THOMSON
for Metro Halifax

Clyde A. Paul can recall being a boy watching the Natal Day parade take over the streets of Halifax.

Flash-forward more than 50 years, Paul, 62, is the chair of the festival that captivated him as a child. And while Natal Day traditions like the parade still remain, the event has grown from a one-day civic holiday to a "five-day party," said Paul.

The party celebrates the joint birthdays of Halifax and Dartmouth cities. The first Natal Day celebrations were organized in 1895 and were intended to mark the arrival of the railway line to the area.

Since then, the cities

have had separate Natal Days one week apart. When the cities amalgamated into the Halifax Regional Municipality in 1996, so did the festivities.

Now the party is bigger than ever, said Paul.

"It's the one time that all the citizens and all the visitors and all the tourists that come to this region have the opportunity to participate in a single spirit of unity in an event," said Paul, who has chaired the festival for six years.

The 115th festival, which



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takes place from July 29 to Aug. 2, is packed full of traditions such as the fireworks display, war canoe races on Lake Banook and the 100-year-old Dartmouth Road Race, the longest-running road race in North America.

Paul said one of the committee's primary objectives is to provide citizens with a low cost, no cost event that won't cost them an arm and a leg. He speculates the only cost to Natal Day event-goers this year will be spent in the beer garden.

Funding comes from a number of sponsors including the Halifax Regional Municipality, corporate sponsors such as Alexander Keith's and Pepsi, all the way down to "friends of Natal Day" who donate \$2,500.

This year's festival has a \$250,000 price tag.

You can expect a variety of entertainment, including a free show at Alderney Landing in Dartmouth from homegrown Matt Mays and El Torpedo, and a tea party with Mayor Peter Kelly in the Public Garden — a new favourite among seniors.

"The mayor throws himself right into it," Paul said with a chuckle.

"It's his tea party, and he just has a ball doing it."

Much like Paul, Coun. Darren Fisher said Natal Day was always his favourite part of the summer.

"Some of my fondest memories are of Natal Day weekend," said Fisher, who now serves as one of three councillors on the Natal Day steering committee.

Paul said it's important that the tradition continues and grows because it generates an undeniable city spirit that everyone can share.



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The Lonely Planet books are very useful for all budgets, covering backpackers to those who like to splash their cash. This book covers all the Thai islands and coastal areas, as well as an extensive section on Bangkok. It includes details of transportation between all the different areas, which is really handy if you are making your own way around Thailand, and there are tips on scams to avoid. It also includes the usual information of accommodation, eating options, things to do.

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PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News



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EAT

Szara na Kazimierzu
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(szarakazimierz.pl)

STAY

Hotel Apis

This excellent three-star hotel feels a lot more expensive than it actually is. Its locations is handy for



Krakow's streets are a great place to get in touch with the locals.

finding lots of traditional Polish restaurants, too.

(hotelapis.pl)

GO

DYM

DYM is one of the coolest

places in town to hang out and have a drink.

There are lots of artists, it bustles with ex-pats and you'll find a bunch of general dudes, just sitting around having a smoke and watching the world go by.

DAILY BUDGET

\$100

EAT

Alef

This fantastically authentic pre-war restaurant certainly looks and feels the part.

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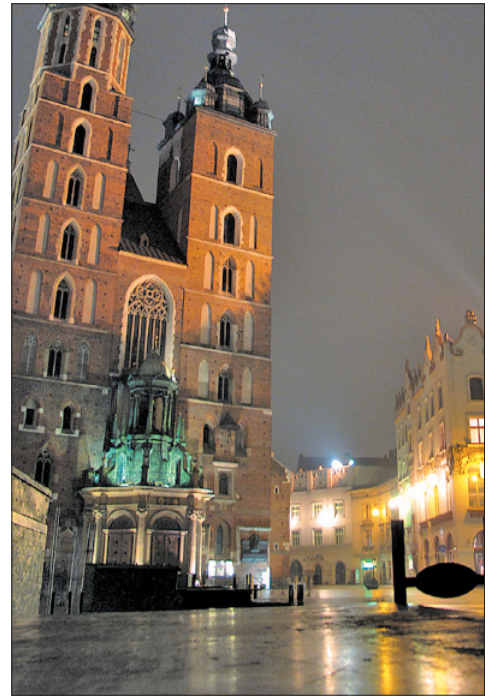
And there is often live traditional music in the evening. Make the night an event.

STAY

Hotel Senacki

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EAT

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Namur sporting a demure style

Find the best of Belgium in this metropolis' little town charm

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News



Belgium certainly has its merits. But there's an overwhelming lovely, friendly feel to Namur which has to be experienced.

Metro finds the places to eat, stay and play in Namur.

DAILY BUDGET

\$50

EAT

Saint Auban food market
A fabulous market offering local produce from the famous local pate, crunchy fresh breads and delicious baked goods. Enjoy the experience then grab yourself a picnic.

STAY

Formule 1
Absolutely no frills — but the lack of luxury is reflected in the price. Location is good and if you're lucky you'll even get a view of the Meuse. Basically somewhere to sleep. (hotelformule1.com)

GO

The Citadel



Tours along the river are available at a cheap rate nearly everywhere.

The Citadel of Namur has been a European military stronghold since the Middle Ages and was only recently de-commissioned. There are a series of walks offering fabulous views. (citadelle.namur.be)

DAILY BUDGET

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EAT

La Petite Fugue

This is a stylish restaurant with an almost opulent feel. Menus from \$18 (lunch) to \$50 (dinner) and a la carte (and fois gras to die for). (lapetitefugue.be)

STAY
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GO

Felicien Rops Museum

An homage to a much underrated 19th century Namur artist whose work covers includes sprawling landscapes to touching portraits. Though, most people go to see his surreal nude paintings. (museerops.be)

DAILY BUDGET

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The St. Aubin's Cathedral is a must-visit when in Namur.

EAT

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STAY

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When Today show news anchor Ann Curry delivered the commencement speech at Wheaton College in Massachusetts Saturday, she named a list of distinguished alumni. The problem is all the people she mention attended the Wheaton College in Illinois. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Entertainment

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Gyllenhaal bulks up for Prince

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for Metro Canada

In the Prince of Persia: Sands Of Time Jake Gyllenhaal plays Dastan, a talented and athletic prince that must save the destiny of a dagger. If the dagger falls into the wrong hands, it could destroy the world.

To prepare for the shoot Gyllenhaal — who now sports a large chest and biceps after bulking up for the role — spent a lot of time researching and studying the video game that the movie is based on. We talked with him in London.

Q This Prince of Persia is such a huge production. Weren't you an indie guy, once upon

a time, before becoming Prince Dastan?

A I guess so. But I think I've done a lot of different kind of films, but this is definitely the biggest one.

Q How did it make you feel when you arrived at the set and saw all those massive sets?

A When we were driving to the set, each road where we were driving, there would be 500 cars ... particularly in Morocco ... There were thousands of cars, (it) looked like we were going to a sporting event! Then it took me 40 minutes to suit up in my costume, like I was going to some game. Soon as we

walked on the set, it was insane. The big thing was all those details. We could shoot in every corner, we could do stunts with two units (two action sets at the same time), with one 100 feet up in the air.

Q Are you hooked on those big productions now?

A I really liked it. I've just done two movies smaller in size and that was a wonderful thing to do for me after this one, because I did need to feed other aspects of my skill set. It's a kind of drug, when you're jumping over things, fighting people, looking like a bad ass ... it's hard not to want to do it again.



In the Prince of Persia: Sands Of Time Jake Gyllenhaal plays a talented and athletic prince that must save the destiny of a dagger.

Q How much did you work out for the movie, to improve your body? But did you also play the original video game?

A Yes, and it was a very difficult research process. I had to exercise and play

video games (laughs). I'm not a card carrying gamer, but I definitely love playing video games. As a kid I played the first version of the game ... then I took a 20-year hiatus. When I got the script I was fascinated because the primary resource

for this is the video game. I played like I would meet a marine if I was going to be a marine or go to prison if I was going to play someone in jail.

Q Were you expecting so much buzz on your buffing up?

A Well ... it wasn't made on vanity. It was on a functionality, to try to make all those stunts. There's been some curious approaches like: "Oh, you did those stunts, cool. But how do you look like that?" Someone asked me: "How did that make you feel?" I was like: "I pretty much felt the same inside, you know!" (laughs) My strength, inside, the most important, comes from a lot of other different pain.

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critics' corner

Quantum of Solace

A sequel to "Casino Royale" that picks up shortly after the previous film ended, Daniel Craig's second round as James Bond is largely a straight-ahead action machine that puts Agent 007 on the trail of the organization behind his true love's death. He encounters an ecology-minded villain (Mathieu Amalric), a woman (Olga Kurylenko) with her own score to settle and an untested field agent (Gemma Arterton). 8:50 AM on M1



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East Coast charm

Cousins sophomore record shows maturity

RICK MCGINNIS
for Metro Canada



Loss and departure are all over Rose Cousins' new record, suitably titled *The Send Off*, but it's not a melancholy record despite it all.

Recorded three years after her debut record and a product of years of gigging, it's the sort of mature sound that some musicians would despair of achieving.

P.E.I.-born and Halifax resident, Cousins comes out of the furiously productive East Coast music scene, a place where a collegial, supportive atmosphere seems to have trumped the competitive balkanization that reigns elsewhere.

"Not everybody who lives out here is necessarily from here," says Cousins, "but a lot of us are and we mostly grew up in smaller communities, and I think that lends itself to there being more room for everybody and not so much a competition as much as how we can all help each other."

Cousins looked for — and found — the same sort of support when she searched for a producer for *The Send Off*, settling on Luke Doucet, another Maritimer whose work as a producer has attracted as much attention as his own music. The result is an evocative, airy record full of iridescent textures.

"Luke told me not to be too overprepared so that we'd be open to the process," Cousins recalls. "Each day when we approached the studio I would play a little demo for the musicians and the song would be built that day, in a no-holds-barred wide open kind of deal, and Luke was amazing at driving that process and saying 'let's try this' whether we ended up using it or not. He's brilliant in that sense."

The record's themes were the product of Cousins' life in the three years since her debut album, *If You Were For Me*. A period that saw the death of her beloved grandmother — a blow that ended up inspiring *The Send Off*'s title track.



The *Send Off* is the latest album by P.E.I.-born Rose Cousins.

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Hulk Hogan is going back to court, this time to sue Post Foods over a Cocoa Pebbles commercial he claims appropriated his image without permission, according to Tampa Bay Online. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Michaels bounces back



ROCK 'N' ROCK IS THE BEST MEDICINE FOR THIS ROCKER Bret Michaels is upbeat, despite his recent illnesses.

In a message on his website, the 47-year-old rocker says: "With all of my heart, soul and the remaining organs I have left ... I would like to thank each and every one of you for all of your support and awesomeness. All the good vibes and

well wishes gave me the strength to go back to New York and win Celebrity Apprentice.

The Poison frontman suffered a brain hemorrhage in April and was hospitalized recently after what doctors called a warning stroke.

He faces surgery for a hole in his

heart.

Michaels says he isn't back to 100 per cent yet but plans to continue his tour, starting Friday in Biloxi, Miss.

He tells fans that seeing their "rockin' rollin', smiling faces ... is the best medicine I can think of."

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Torn charge dismissed

ONE CHARGE DROPPED, ANOTHER TO GO A Connecticut judge has dismissed a drunken-driving charge against Rip Torn after the actor completed a court-ordered alcohol education program.

Torn was arrested in December 2008 near his home in Salisbury. He was stopped while driving in the breakdown lane with a Christmas tree tied atop his Subaru. Bantam Superior Court Judge Cara Eschuck dismissed the charge Friday because Torn completed a program that gives drunken-driving defendants a chance to clear their records.

But another case is pending against the 79-year-old: charges that he broke into a bank in January while intoxicated and armed. He returned to court yesterday in that case.

Torn won an Emmy for The Larry Sanders Show. Screen credits include the Men in Black movies.

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Death obsessed

BRITNEY BACK TO THE FUTURE Britney Spears is reportedly keen on the idea of being cryogenically frozen after she dies so that she can be brought back to life later, according to the Sun.

"Brit gets these obsessions and this is the latest," a source says. "It started when someone told her Walt Disney had been preserved by cryogenics to be revived in the future. Brit found the whole thing so interesting she spent most of her Mother's Day trip to Disneyland researching the subject on the Internet while a nanny took the boys round the park."

Spears is so intent on cheating death that she's reportedly invested in a firm spe-

cializing in cryogenics.

"She looked into having her ashes turned into diamonds after she is gone but settled on the chance of getting to live in the future," the source adds.

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Perry, Russell not tying the knot ... yet

WILL IT BE A DESTINATION WEDDING?

Katy Perry is shooting down rumours that she and Russell Brand are planning to tie the knot during a weeklong wedding celebration in India this October. The rumour was originally started by Rihanna, who Perry says is just "a little confused" about the big event. "I haven't told her where we are getting married. She thinks we were getting married in India," Perry tells Ryan Seacrest on his radio show. But the singer isn't above hinting that the wedding will involve travel for their guests. "I think it's better to take people out of their comfort zone and mesh the group together," she says.

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Cyrus all grown up?

I'M A BIG GIRL NOW! Miley Cyrus is bristling at the criticism she's received for dabbling in racier imagery with her new album and videos.

"No one ever wants to see someone grow up," she complains, according to Wonderland. "It's like when Hilary Duff started growing up off the Disney Channel. Everyone thought she

was anorexic and she did this and that. It's just because she grew up! She didn't look like a 12-year-old anymore."

As grown up as she's feeling, 17-year-old Cyrus isn't ready to head off to college just yet. "I'm not going to go to college right now," she says. "I am a firm believer that you can go back at any age you want, because my grandma went back to college at 62 years old."

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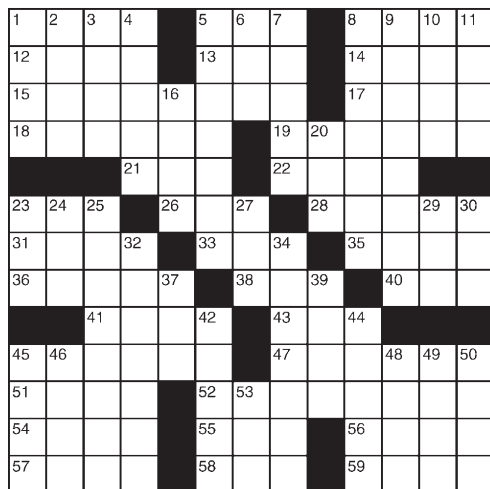
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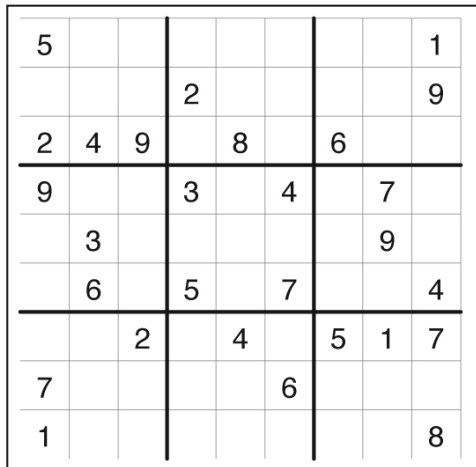
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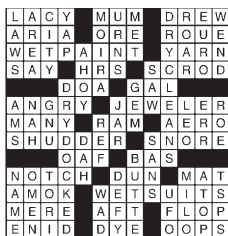
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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



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INGREDIENTS:

- 4 turnips, peeled and cubed
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- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon

METHOD:

1. Place turnips in large pot and cover with water. Bring to boil. Reduce heat; cover and cook for 15 minutes or until tender and drain.
2. Transfer turnips to bowl and mash. Add egg, sugar,

butter and salt; mix well. Transfer to greased 1-L baking dish; sprinkle with cinnamon.

3. Cover and bake at 350°F (180°C) 20-25 minutes or until thermometer reads 160°F/71°C and turnip mixture is heated through.

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Ignore those who say you should be on the move. By all means sit quietly and give your brain and body a rest.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You no longer seem to think of money and property and possessions in quite the same way you did before. They are useful, certainly, but useful for what?

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Your horizons are expanding in all directions. Ideas that never interested you before will suddenly be of the utmost importance.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You will be asking yourself some rather deep questions today and the answers you get won't always be easy to handle.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Do what you do best. Reach for your highest potential. Rarely have you been the focus of so much positive power, but it is up to you to make use of it.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
The world is not out to get you and if you think it is you need to change. Try to think of life as being neutral — neither for you or against you.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
The coming week will have its ups and downs but overall you will make significant progress.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You will be none too pleased when something unexpected comes along to disturb your well organized lifestyle today. Perhaps it's time to get moving.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
The Sun in Gemini over the next few weeks will coincide with a phase when you enjoy total self-belief. It doesn't matter if the world is against you.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You will be extremely busy this week, but try not to do things for the sake of it. All your activities must have a purpose. They must all have a goal.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
This is one of the most important times of the year for you. If you want recognition you are about to get it. Just make sure you get it for the right reasons.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You may feel out of touch with the spirit of the times but is that really such a big deal? You don't have to be like everyone else.

This day in history

- 1647: Alse Young becomes the first person executed as a witch in the American colonies, when she is hanged in Hartford, Conn.
- 1889: Opening of the first Eiffel Tower elevator to the public.
- 1896: Charles Dow publishes the first edition of the Dow Jones Industrial Average.
- 1928: The first motion picture is projected publicly in Athens, Greece.
- 2004: Terry Nichols is found guilty of 161 state murder charges for helping carry out the Oklahoma City bombing.

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